

END OF THE RYAN SEABOARD FIGHT

The News Was Anticipated So Stocks Kept Quiet.

IT WAS A FIVE-YEAR CONTEST.

End Means Complete Maintenance of Rates on Southbound Roads—President Williams Made a Director of Old Dominion—Notes.

The most intense interest was manifested in business circles yesterday in the news that the five-year fight between Thomas F. Ryan and the Seaboard Air Line Railway had been ended, and that the Seaboard and Southern were now of absolutely friendly terms.

As a matter of fact, it had been definitely known in Richmond and New York since Saturday of last week that the Seaboard and Southern were now of absolutely friendly terms.

The acquisition by President John Skelton Williams of all the Seaboard stock owned or controlled by Mr. Ryan means the absolute end of the long-drawn-out war between the Seaboard and the Southern. The stock transfer over to Mr. Williams included 233 shares of Seaboard common stock, twenty-one shares of Raleigh and Gaston, and twenty-five shares of Raleigh and Augusta. With these shares Mr. Ryan has been making lots of trouble for the Seaboard.

The Ryan-Seaboard fight began in the fall of 1896. At that time it looked as though the acquisition of a controlling interest in the road by the great New York financier was a matter of only a few days. But R. Curzon Hoffman, then president of the Seaboard Air Line; E. St. John, the then general manager of the line, and others, succeeded in getting control of a pool of money for controlling interest, and Mr. Ryan's plans were defeated. He has never been able to obtain a controlling interest, although it has been his object during all these years.

It has been in the Federal Courts for several years. It must be confessed that Mr. Ryan has never received any great encouragement from the courts to prosecute his fight. But he has kept on fighting with tenacity which could but excite admiration. There was a distinct lull in the fight, however, until the fall of 1899, when Mr. Williams stepped in and acquired control of the Seaboard Air Line properties. Then Mr. Ryan renewed the battle. He opposed consolidation of the various Seaboard lines into the Greater Seaboard Air Line System at every turn. But the consolidation was accomplished. It has been known for two months that negotiations were pending looking to the adjustment of all differences between the two great south-bound lines. They were concluded with a mutual secrecy. On Saturday of last week the news leaked out that peace had been accomplished. Now comes the definite news that under the terms of the award of Hon. Dan. S. Lamont, Mr. Williams is Secretary of War, and now the vice-president of the Northern Pacific. Mr. Ryan has surrendered to Mr. Williams all his stock in the Seaboard Air Line roads.

The fact that peace means an end to all rate wars is chiefly gratifying to railroad men. They realize that such wars are in the last degree hurtful to the companies, and must in the long run prove harmful to the public. The Seaboard and Southern have been maintained by the two roads for some time past, but there was no assurance against cutting so long as each side stood with swords drawn.

As further indication of the harmony existing between southbound transportation lines, it may be mentioned that President John Skelton Williams, of the Seaboard Air Line, President Spencer, of the Southern Railway Company, and Chairman of the Board Kimball, of the Norfolk and Western Railway, have been elected directors of the Old Dominion Steamship Company, which does a coastwise freight business between Richmond and Norfolk to New York.

Below are the estimated gross earnings of the Norfolk and Western:

For second week of February, 1901, \$236,150;	same week previous year, \$221,081; increase, \$15,069.
Total for month to date, \$835,565; same period previous year, \$820,416; increase, \$15,149.	

The following is a comparative statement of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company's earnings for the second week of February:

1901, \$273,457.01; 1900, \$222,196.68; increase, \$51,260.33.	
For the two weeks of February, 1901, \$546,914.02; 1900, \$444,393.36; increase, \$102,520.66.	

Following are the estimated earnings of the Southern Railway System for the second week of February:

This year, \$263,476; increase, \$10,061.	
ST. LOUIS DIVISION.	
This year, \$26,066; increase, \$6,374.	

The Chesapeake and Ohio will move next week four hundred troops to the West. The troops will arrive at Newport News from Cuba and will be distributed among the forts of Nebraska and Wyoming. The men will be assigned to Forts Nibarra, Crook, Robinson and McKenize. The movement will be routed via the Chesapeake and Ohio, Big Four and St. Louis and San Francisco roads.

Mr. T. C. James has been appointed Commercial Agent of the Norfolk and Western Company, with headquarters at Wilmington, N. C. He will have charge of the territory on and east of the Atlantic Coast Line, Weldon to Wilmington, and between the Norfolk and Southern and west of Albemarle Sound and Chowan river, freight Agent, Winston-Salem, N. C.

The Executive Committee in charge of the arrangements for the national convention T. P. A., which meets here in June, will meet at the rooms of the Association, Third and Main Streets, this afternoon at 5:30 o'clock, for the purpose of receiving reports of sub-committees.

Change of Business.

Mr. Samuel Stern has sold out his pawnbroker's establishment, on Main Street near Eighteen, to Mr. Nathan Jacobs, formerly of Richmond, but more recently of Norfolk. Mr. Stern will open up a handsome cafe near the depot being erected on Main Street.

News About Pythians.

At the meeting of Syracuse Lodge, No. 5, Knights of Pythias, Monday night, the degree team rehearsed the third rank. The team will confer the rank upon a member of Myrtle Lodge to-morrow night.

The recently elected officers of Richmond Commandery, No. 4, United Order of Knights of Pythias, will be installed to-night.

T. P. A. Convention.

The February number of the "Book of Hostetters" is published.

Sufferers from Dyspepsia, Biliousness, Flatulency, or any form of stomach disorder should try the Bitters, if they would be cured. It also fortifies the system against attack of La Grippe and Malaria, fever and Ague.

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Broadway and Twenty-fifth Street, New York.

The Royal Blue" is just out. The publication is filled with interesting information and is up to the usual standard of excellence. The book is handsomely illustrated and contains, among other things, a double-page illustration of the Royal Limited. Mr. Arthur G. Lewis contributes his excellent "Stub Ends of Thought."

Mr. J. T. King, agent of the Atlantic Coast Line, Wilmington, who has been the guest of his brother, Mr. H. L. King, the popular agent of the Coast Line, left for home.

O. D. Ball, purchasing agent of the Seaboard Air Line Railway Company, with headquarters in Portsmouth, has resigned his position, and a successor will be immediately appointed.

D. P. Davis, special agent of the Chesapeake and Ohio, with headquarters in Cincinnati, is in the city.

News From Barton Heights.

There was a piano recital at the Baptist Church last night, beginning at 8:30 o'clock. A unique programme had been arranged and a pleasant evening was spent by all.

Mr. Arthur Faulkner is able to be out, after an attack of grip.

Mr. J. M. Parrish, of Luck Avenue, left yesterday on an extended business trip to Norfolk, Va., in the interest of the Virginia Carolina Chemical Company.

Rev. Ernest Stevens, pastor of the Methodist Church, left yesterday on a visit to friends and relatives at Petersburg, Va.

Mr. W. L. Summers, of Virginia Avenue, left yesterday on an extended business trip to Baltimore, Md.

Miss Bessie Rowe is confined to her home, in Brookland Park, with grip.

Miss Bessie Rowe has returned to her home, after a very pleasant visit to Mrs. Charles McCurdy, of Brookland Park.

Mrs. Harris and family, of Brookland Park, have removed their home out near Lakeside Park.

Miss R. T. Woodson, of Lexington, Va., is the guest of friends and relatives at Brookland Park.

Mr. W. K. Bache, of Lamb Avenue, expects to leave in a few days on an extended business trip to Chicago, Ill.

The Razzle, Danza Minstrels, appeared at the Parish Hall Monday night and gave an entertaining show. The troupe were all amateurs, and the entertainment was given for the benefit of the hall. As a whole, the show was very good, but among those worthy of special mention were Mr. E. P. Goodwin, as Tambo; Mr. Charles Hurman, in an Ohio, in which he took the part of a negro woman; Mr. Knox Crutcheild in his impersonation of a reporter; Mr. Joe Pourquere in his entertainment with bone cracking; and Mr. H. L. Lorraine in his sleight of hand work. Mr. Lorraine wound up his part of the performance by performing one of Ching Ling Foo's celebrated tricks—that of getting the negro from under the sheet.

Still a Mystery.

The disappearance of Mr. R. T. Ford who has not been seen since January 12th, remains a mystery. The police have made a diligent search for the lost man, but have been unable to trace his whereabouts. The last seen of Mr. Ford was on the night of January 12th, when he was seen going towards the Trigg plant, near the dock.

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MAY SOLVE THE PROBLEM

Enlarging State Farm May Relieve Congestion.

MORE LAND TO BE BOUGHT

Mr. Brent's Reply to Mrs. Betts' Strictures on the Richmond Schools—Capitol Notes.

An act was passed at the recent extra session of the Legislature authorizing the Governor to direct the Board of Directors of the State Farm in his discretion to purchase additional lands for the use of the State farm.

It was argued in support of the measure that this might be a solution of the vexed question of the State Farm, and do away with the necessity of building a larger prison house.

Major Helms was at the Capitol yesterday and asked the Governor to fix a date when it would suit him to accompany the board to look at a farm in Plumbina, with the view to buying it for the purpose indicated.

The Governor is going to New York on business shortly and he, therefore, could not make any engagement with the board until his return from the metropolitan city.

Mr. Julius Straus, of the Board of Directors of the Central State Hospital at Petersburg, called and invited the Governor to go over next month and inspect the new building at the institution.

Mr. H. W. Baylor, of Cumberland, Md., has written and asked the Governor if he would receive a copy of the muster-rolls of Company B, Twelfth Virginia Cavalry. The Governor replied that it would be gratefully received and placed in the archives of the office of the Adjutant-General.

Mr. Alfred O. Moss was yesterday appointed inspector of lumber for Dinwiddie county.

Captain R. S. Parks, of Page, and Hon. George E. Murrell, of Bedford, were callers on the Governor.

MRS. BETTS' ARTICLE.

Some misunderstanding having arisen in the minds of some in regard to the authorship of the letter which appeared in The Outlook last August, severely criticising the Richmond public schools, it may be stated that the letter was written by Mrs. Lillian W. Betts, a regular contributor to that paper.

Shortly after the appearance of the letter a reply was sent to The Outlook by Professor Julian P. Thomas, principal of the Richmond High School, which letter the editors of The Outlook declined to publish, saying, among other things, that so many persons in Richmond had informed Mrs. Betts' article, and that it had done good, that they would not publish Mr. Thomas' article.

The "Principles" of the Richmond schools called upon Mr. Frank P. Brent, secretary of the Board of Education, several days ago, and ascertained from him that he had had some correspondence with Mrs. Betts subsequent to the appearance of her article in The Outlook. He informed them that he believed in an article of the proper spirit and setting forth the injustice of Mrs. Betts' criticism were written it would be promptly published by The Outlook.

At the request of the principals Mr. Brent prepared a letter and sent it to his friend, Dr. Hamilton W. Mabie, one of the editors of The Outlook. It was promptly accepted and published in The Outlook on last Saturday and subsequently in the Richmond papers.

APPOINTMENTS MADE.

All the appointments have been made by the Department of Public Instruction of teachers in the various summer normals of the State. There may be transfers from one school to another, but no new appointments will be made.

The Auditor of Public Accounts yesterday called upon all the State banks in Virginia for a statement of their accounts at the close of business on February 15th.

The spring term of the Supreme Court of Appeals will convene on Tuesday, March 5th. It is expected that on that day Hon. Stafford G. Whittle will qualify as chief justice.

Judge Pugh's commission will expire by limitation next Saturday, February 22d.

Hon. E. P. Duford, of Brunswick, was a caller at the Library yesterday. When asked if he would run for the Constitutional Convention from his county Mr. Duford said his friends were urging him to be a candidate, but he did not wish him to do so, and he would not, unless his services were demanded.

MR. KOINER AWAY.

Hon. George W. Koiner is in the Valley arranging dates for Farmers' Institutes. He is to be held in that section during the month of March.

Mr. E. B. Chesterman, Jr., the popular secretary to the Commissioner of Agriculture, is expected to return from his brief tour next week.

Attorney-General Montague is confined to his room with a slight attack of grip. He hopes to be able to come to his office to-day.

Congressman-elect Hal. D. Flood, of Appomattox, was a caller at the State Library yesterday.

Colonel Thomas W. Scott, of Drake's Branch, was at the Auditor's office.

Second Auditor Dew was receiving bids for State bonds yesterday. The Board of Public Accounts will meet to-morrow and decide whether there are any funds in the treasury available for purchasing bonds at this time, and if so they will buy as many as is practicable.

Mr. G. H. Hankins, who has been indisposed for several days, was at his desk in the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth, yesterday.

JUSTICE JOHN'S COURT.

Squire Lonnie Graves Dispensed Justice at the Old Stand.

The best of friendships at times make shipwreck upon hidden rocks of selfishness and temptation. Such was the case of Squire Graves.

A FARMER'S WIFE

Finds a Food That the Children and Grown Folks Thrive Upon.

Mrs. Sarah Lessinger, near Stuart, Neb., says: "My little girl, eight years old, has always been a delicate child, and has not been able to stay in school long at a time, for she often fainted and was weak and puny, until last February she had a sick spell, and I began feeding her on Grape-Nuts food."

"I can truthfully say the result has far exceeded my expectations. She is now hearty, well, and can run and play as other children do. I am trying an experiment this summer on leaving out meat altogether for breakfast and using Grape-Nuts food instead. Thus far we have all been unusually well, and my men folks (we are farmers) say that they do not get hungry so quick when they use Grape-Nuts food as they used to when they had meat."

It is a profound fact that Grape-Nuts food will furnish more nourishment to the system than bread or meat. Any one can prove the truth of this statement by trial.

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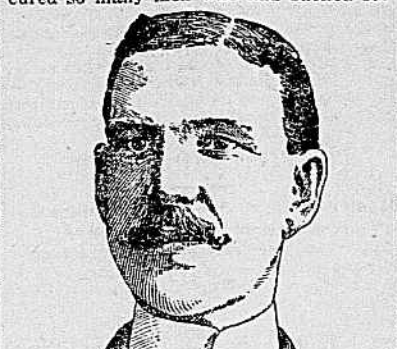
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philosophic meditation in the placid bosom of Squire Graves, as the stories of William Oliver and James Allen told of estrangement and mutual recrimination where once had existed an affection rivaled that of Damon and Pythias. Oliver was charged with stealing a watch and chain and also sundry articles of clothing from Allen, which he claimed had been loaned or presented to him by Allen in token of his undying affection and esteem. Oliver proved to be an advocate of no mean attainments, and so skillful was his presentation of his phase of the situation that he will get off as soon as he can find \$500 security for 12 months.

Half of the small boys of Church Hill, more or less, were over to have a say for or against a small boy named Mark Finkey, who has proven himself an expert marksman in the neck battles of the city. After a careful hearing the court dismissed the case, after giving the assembled parents sage counsel as to their duties in the matter.

James Muller's vicious dog, which has been chewing on small boys in Fulton, will change his diet and have a taste of Henrico boys for a season.

The Passenger and Power Company has been using too much of the city water. The city has decided to tell everything they know on Thursday.

Henry Brown (colored), a coal driver, charged with stealing \$5, will have his say on Thursday too.

John Smith and Will Overby have had some difficulty. The former was relieved of \$2.50 and the latter dismissed.

Ida Christian (colored) paid \$3.00 for the privilege of rocking a small white boy.

John Ross (colored), disorderly in the street and destroying property, increased the city's revenues by \$3.00.

CITY HALL NEWS.

Suit Against the Passenger and Power Company—Be Heard To-day.

The case set for trial in the Law and Equity Court to-day is that of John Clucci against the Passenger and Power Company for \$10,000 damages. Clucci is a lad of eighteen years and was injured by the company's traction car on Broad Street, near Elba Station, after having jumped from a mule car, because, as he alleges, he was struck with a whip by the driver of the mule car while riding on the rear platform on October 1, 1900.

Judgment was rendered in this court yesterday in favor of Frank S. Daugherty against A. F. Oliver and Olivia C. Oliver for \$500.

Suit was brought by L. S. Dance, administrator of Lynwood Seay, against the American Bridge Company for \$10,000. No declaration was filed. An attachment was issued in this case against the Chesapeake and Ohio Company on the belief that company held funds belonging to the bridge-building company.

The Chancery Court (Judge Lamb) was engaged in hearing the motion to dissolve the injunction restraining the Traction Company from interfering with the Passenger and Power Company on Eighth Street. Eminent counsel represented both sides. Those for the Passenger and Power Company were Messrs. Martin and Ainslie, Judge Leake, Mr. Frank Christian, Captain A. B. Guigon; and those for the Traction Company were Messrs. C. V. Meredith and Comptrols Williams.

Mr. Williams opened the argument and consumed the entire afternoon, when court adjourned, and further argument will be made to-morrow morning.

The commissioners appointed by Judge Witt to view and condemn the property on "proposed" Catharine Street, between Gilmer and Harrison Streets, will visit that place at noon to-day. The idea is to open up that section. The commissioners embrace Messrs. W. S. Gunn, R. L. Winston, S. H. Pulliam and J. D. Caldwell. City Attorney Pollard and representatives of the City Engineer's office will accompany the commissioners.

The deputies in the Commissioner of Revenue's office in this work, and the citizens are asked to observe promptness in making their returns.

In the absence of Judge Wellford from the city, Judge Minor presided in the Circuit Court yesterday. The hearing in the continued cases of the penitentiary convicts was postponed to Saturday morning.

A chancery suit was entered in the Law and Equity Court this morning by the Shirmers Furniture Company against Harwood and Edward et als.

In the suit of Collin Young against the Walters' Union in the Law and Equity Court this afternoon, a verdict for \$135 was rendered.

A marriage license was issued in the Hustings Court to Frank Farmer and Maggie Houchens.

Bold Robber.

An attempt at robbery was made at the house of Dr. Ramon D. Garcia, at Twenty-seventh and Broad Streets, last night about 11 o'clock.

DAMAGING FIRE IN BOSHER'S FACTORY

The Building, Sock and Office of the Shepherd Lumber Company Suffered Loss About \$18,000.

There was a considerable fire early yesterday morning in the building of A. L. Shepherd Lumber Company, corner Main and Cary Streets, which resulted in about \$500 damage to the building; \$5,000 to the carriage stock of the Messrs. Boshers and \$300 to the office and fixtures of the A. L. Shepherd Lumber Company, whose office is on the second floor of the building.

The loss to the Messrs. Boshers is fully covered by insurance, while Mr. Shepherd carried no insurance whatever. His office had just been newly fitted up, the workmen completing the job several days ago. The fire is thought to have originated from a stove in Mr. Shepherd's office, though no one knows positively how it started. Mr. Boshers said last night that he proposed to have the damage repaired at once and replace all the injured carriages and buggies with new stock.

The entire department, under Chief William G. Puller, responded to the general alarm at 5:30 o'clock, with the exception of trucks Nos. 5 and 6, and within three-quarters of an hour the fire was under control, though it was not extinguished until it had rendered worthless a great number of fine carriages and damaged the Cary-street end of the lot. The damage to the messes before all of the adjacent property had been destroyed.

The alarm was turned in by Stationman W. E. Wood, of No. 7 Company, who saw the blaze soon after the fire started. The officer on that beat also made the discovery a few seconds later, and carried the intelligence to No. 7's quarters. The work of the firemen was, as always, prompt and effective.

INSURANCE LIST.

The following is a list of the insurance and an estimate of the probable loss:

On Building—	
Mutual Insurance Society of Virginia	\$5,000
Hammond, London and Globe	1,000
Hamburg-Bremen	1,000
On contents—	
Liverpool, London and Globe	4,500
North British and Mercantile	1,000
National of Hartford	1,000
Continental	1,000
Commercial Union	1,000
Virginia Fire and Marine	1,000
Imperial of London	1,000
Insurance Company of North America	500
Total insurance	\$19,500

THE METHODIST INSTITUTION

Doing a Noble Work, in Which Much Interest is Shown.

A very general interest is being manifested in the noble work of the Mission Institution which is located at the corner of Main and Nineteenth Streets, where it has an entire large four-story building under its control. While supported by the voluntary contributions of the different Methodist Churches in the two cities, it has yet received valuable assistance from many generous friends not connected with that faith.

The work of the Mission is varied and far-reaching in its good results. It appeals to all who believe in the doctrine of the "brotherhood of man." In its effort to reach that great neglected class, the street wail, the tramp, the man of the slums and other unfortunate, it knows no sect nor creed, no faith nor unfaith, but gives to all deserving of its aid and comfort shelter and food, instruction and entertainment. Frequent services are held in the chapel or assembly-room during the week, and a very kindly atmosphere of Christian comradeship pervades the mission-house all the time.

While ministering to the spiritual side of its patrons the Mission does not neglect the physical or mental side. One finds there six cots, or beds, all of which have been put in by generous friends in the Methodist Churches. This lodging-house feature supplies only in part the needs of the physical and mental side of its patrons. The mission-house is a place where the hospitality it gives him, the spirit of "value received" between lodger and host thus gives a healthy self-respecting feeling to the former, and he leaves in the morning grateful but independent.

Recently a coffee-room has been opened and there one can get for five cents a large mug of hot coffee and a very generous sandwich. This sale is in no way intended to make money for the institution, for as a matter of fact the charge does not represent the outlay and running expenses of this department. The superintendent, Mr. George H. Wiley, is of opinion that his coffee-room patrons are much better served at the mission than at the bar-rooms and the neighborhood—hence the coffee-room.

A reading-room for men, a game-room for boys, a small circulating library, a free night school and a glee club are among some other features that go to make the mission attractive for the men and boys of that part of the city. Every Friday evening is entertainment night, and very creditable and fine entertainments are given in the assembly room that night in each week. The "talent" is from both within and without.

Last Friday night a magnificent Marion College Glee Club gave a splendid concert, which was largely attended. All these affairs are absolutely free, and needless to say, there is "standing room" only every time.

When one considers that the institution has barely three years old, its friends are very much gratified at the progress made thus far. Still it remains to be done and the needs are growing each day. The work this mission is accomplishing is certainly a grand one, and already many men and boys have become better citizens through its instrumentality.

BAZAAR CLOSED.

Splendid Concert and Good Sum Realized For the Mission.

The bazaar given for the benefit of the building fund of St. John's German Evangelical Church closed last night.

Do you realize the danger of breathing through the mouth? Are your nostrils stopped up? Letting the mucus from the lungs causes terrible colds, Pneumonia, Grippe and sometimes Consumption.

Crown Catarrh Powder opens the nostrils; relieves the throat; cures the lungs.

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